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RESPONSE

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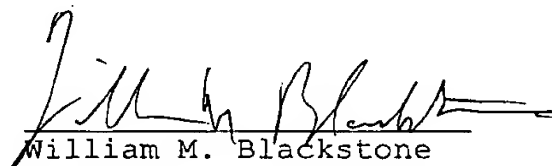
Sir:

In reply to the Office Action of September 26, 2001 requiring a restriction among the claims, Applicants hereby elect Group II directed to claims 5-9 and 14 drawn to a vaccine. Applicants also include in that election claim 12 directed to a method for controlling disease by administering the vaccine according to claim 5. The vaccine composition and the method of using it are subject to examination together.

Applicants further submit that all claims are commonly related to the avian reovirus of a particular antigenic

class as defined in claim 1 and, accordingly, can be examined without undue effort on the part of the Examiner. "If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions." MPEP Section 803. Accordingly, this election is made with traverse and it is requested that claims 1-15 be examined together.

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